



October 26, 2006

Re: WC Docket No. 06-74, Support for AT&T BellSouth Merger

Dear Commissioners:

The Daytona Beach/Halifax Area Chamber of Commerce supports an expeditious approval of the BellSouth / AT&T merger. As their Vice President of Government Relations, I know the factors that set communities apart and poise them for economic growth. Some of these factors include infrastructure, workforce, and increasingly access to broadband internet service. This merger will address one of the most critical needs required of any community seeking to grow its economy and new jobs – universal broadband Internet access.

The proposed AT&T / BellSouth merger could very well provide a positive economic benefit not only to Daytona Beach/Halifax Area, but in our rural communities. Under the merger, AT&T and BellSouth have committed to deliver affordable and universal access to broadband, including; a new residential broadband offering set at \$10 per month, affording many rural communities a viable alternative to dial access; and a pledge to provide broadband Internet access to *all* residential living units in the AT&T / BellSouth service area, providing economic developers a necessary tool to recruit new economic development prospects to our rural communities. That is of special importance to us!

The merger of these entities will significantly enhance the economic viability of the communities we serve. I ask you to approve the AT&T / BellSouth merger without further delay.

Sincerely,

Jim Cameron

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Vice President

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